

OFFICIAL MINUTES
The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation, Inc. Meeting
September 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paula Mason, Misti Lockie, Tim Ledington, Mel Magnelli, Beth Cram, David Sparks

ABSENT: Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Janet Stout, Gretchen Spooner, Jeff Woods, Saunia Phillips, Tom Jones

Guest: Brenda Jensen, Rod Howells

Minute Recorder: Misti Lockie

Paula opened the meeting at 3:40 pm.

The minutes were reviewed from the August meeting, and Mel moved to approve them. Paula seconded.

The first funding request to assist with funding to provide developmentally appropriate listening activities through nursery rhymes and songs with ISDB Outreach Program in Region 4 was discussed. The amount is for \$416.20. It was determined that the Board needed more information on the request to make any type of decision. Paul would talk to Patty Evans, and David would talk to Janet Stout, then the vote could be made via email.

The second funding request was to assist in the purchase of pedometers for faculty at ISDB who participate in the Health and Wellness Program. Beth brought up that last year there was a similar request for a Humor Program for faculty, and that the Board had felt a bit awkward about funding it because it did not directly go to students. David brought up the fact that it might be a good idea to come speak to faculty on an in-service day to describe to them what we do and how we help students.

It was also discussed that we need to remind the staff about the Foundation on a regular basis, and that we could possibly do an uplifting and faculty appreciation item for them. Raptor Java day was brought up as a great idea because it also funds the students who run it. Double positive.

David stated there would be an in-service on Oct 29th, and Misti committed to attend.

It was also discussed that after assisting with the funding last year for faculty, there was no thank you provided to the Board or any follow up.

A vote was taken, and the request was denied. It was decided that a letter would be drafted in reply to the request to explain why it could not be fulfilled. Some of the items it should include:

- The Board researched the program and found out it is strictly voluntary. Therefore not all staff participates and not all staff would benefit from funding.
- The Board has by-laws that state we MUST directly benefit students with our funding.

Misti will work on a draft of the letter and provide to the board for approval before sending.

David brought up another funding request dealing with a dental issue for a student. Paula stated she could provide some assistance through a local dentist, because dental requests could not be fulfilled by the Foundation.

Rod Howells brought in a fundraising tool that came in the mail to ISDB. It deals with joining a program where keychain barcode cards are distributed, and every time an individual purchases an item at Foot Locker or 1800FLOWERS, they use this barcode and ISDB Foundation receives a kickback. Misti will try to get us enrolled.

The Roping Fundraiser was discussed – Paula received a few additional items for the silent auction from 75 Saddle N Tack and some others in Pocatello. Beth has some individuals who will assist with the activity area, both with animals and with actual manpower. Misti will contact them.

Rod needs a schedule for the weekend, Misti will provide that to him.

BBQ – Falls Brand is providing the meats, and we have various volunteers who will be cooking via dutch oven with all types of foods. Rod is going to assist with purchase of some of these items and we have other items donated.

Misti also said she will be sending out a mailing of the roping flyer in addition to having it advertised in Horse Sports. She will obtain a mailing list from some local roping contractors.

At this time Beth motioned we adjourn – 5:00 pm. Tim seconded.